

Prior law provided for the crime of illegal carrying of weapons. Included in its prohibition was the intentional concealment of a firearm on one's person. Prior law exempted certain persons from this prohibition, including retired peace officers with at least 16 years of service prior to retirement who are certified by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST Council). Prior law additionally required that a retired peace officer must be annually certified in the use of firearms by the POST Council.

New law limits the exception to retired peace officers with at least 12 years of service, provided they have on their persons a valid ID. Further prohibits medically retired law enforcement officers based upon mental impairment from carrying concealed handguns. However, with regard to firearms training of retired peace officers, new law requires that such officers be annually qualified in the use of firearms by the POST Council.

Existing law provides for issuance of statewide concealed handgun permits. One requirement for obtaining such a permit is that the applicant demonstrate competence with a handgun by completing one of the enumerated training requirements, including a POST certified course.

New law retains these provisions of existing law, but provides that retired Louisiana peace officers are not required to meet such requirements provided that they were properly POST certified at the time of retirement.

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